



General Assembly

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LCO No. 1985



Referred to Committee on FINANCE, REVENUE AND
BONDING

Introduced by:
(FIN)

***AN ACT CONCERNING PROCEDURES FOR DEBT CERTIFICATIONS
AND THE TAX EXPENDITURE REPORT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 3-21 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2014*):

4 (d) The General Assembly shall not approve any bill which
5 authorizes the issuance of any bonds, notes or other evidences of
6 indebtedness unless such bill has attached to it a certification by the
7 Treasurer that the amount of authorizations within the bill will not
8 cause the total amount of indebtedness calculated in accordance with
9 this section to exceed the limit for indebtedness set forth in this section.
10 The president pro tempore of the Senate or the speaker of the House of
11 Representatives, or their designees, shall notify the Treasurer prior to
12 consideration of such bill in the first chamber.

13 Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 12-7b of the general statutes is

14 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
15 *October 1, 2014*):

16 (e) On or before [~~January 1, 1995~~] February 1, 2015, and biennially
17 thereafter, the legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis shall, within
18 available appropriations, prepare and submit a tax expenditure report
19 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
20 cognizance of all matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding. For
21 the purposes of this subsection, "tax expenditure" means a tax
22 exemption, exclusion, deduction or credit created under the general
23 statutes or a public act and resulting in less tax revenue to the state or
24 municipalities than they would otherwise receive. Each such report
25 shall provide the following information for each tax expenditure: (1) A
26 description of the tax expenditure; (2) the year in which the tax
27 expenditure was enacted, the purpose for its enactment and a
28 summary of any amendments to the tax expenditure since its
29 enactment; (3) the estimated state and municipal fiscal impact of the
30 tax expenditure during each fiscal year of the then current biennium,
31 and an estimate of the revenue that would result from repeal of the tax
32 expenditure; and (4) an estimate of the number of taxpayers receiving
33 benefit from the tax expenditure. Upon receipt of each tax expenditure
34 report the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
35 cognizance of matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding shall
36 meet to receive and analyze the report.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	3-21(d)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	12-7b(e)

Statement of Purpose:

To clarify the process for notifying the Treasurer when a debt certification is needed before the senate or house considers a bill containing general obligation bond authorizations, and to delay by one month the date required for submission of the tax expenditure report,

in order for more complete information to be available in compiling the report.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]